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RE: USE OF TERM "SOY MILK"

Dr. Jane Henny  
Commissioner  
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Dear Dr. Henny:

I recently read about the dairy industry's efforts to continue its monopoly of the word "milk". This is grossly unethical in light of other industries producing milk products, such as the soymilk, nut milk and rice milk producers.

Milk from cows should be labeled "cows' milk", not just "milk", just as the others are now labeled "soy milk", "rice milk" etc. Many people, like myself, are allergic to cows' milk and need product labels to be perfectly clear.

Likewise, soy milk should continue to be labeled "soy milk" for the benefit of consumers who are allergic to soy products.

The dairy industry has no right to dictate policy on product labelling. Consumers have a right to know exactly what they are buying.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Sincerely yours,

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